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SUBJECT: DEMARTINO DEFINES SOCIALIST POSTURE TO ROME DAILY
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SUMMARY: ROME DAILY AMERICAN, DECEMBER 16, CARRIES FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW OF DEMARTINO BY LEO WOLLEMBERG. INTERVIEW FAITHFULLY REPRODUCES WELL-KNOWN DEMARTINO VIEWS AS PRESENTED TO, AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY, PARTY CONCLAVES SINCE OCTOBER. ONLY IMPORTANT OMISSION IS FAILURE TO REPEAT (OR REPORT) CONSISTENT SOCIALIST DEMAND FOR ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNISTS TO MAJORITY. STORY HIGHLIGHTS SOCIALIST COMMITMENT TO WEST, AND OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO PREPARE CLIMATE FOR DEMARTINO VISIT TO US: "WE (SOCIALISTS) HAVE LOYALLY ENDORSED ITALY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO UPHOLDING AND PROMOTING WESTERN VALUES, AND WE CONTINUE TO BACK STRONGLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A UNITED AND DEMOCRATIC EUROPE." QUOTATIONS ON SOCIALIST POLICY, CRITICISM OF PCI, AND ATTITUDE TOWARD A GOVERNMENT CRISIS FOLLOW. COMPLETE ARTICLE BEING POUCHED. END SUMMARY.

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1. SOCIALIST STRATEGY: "WE ARE WORKING TO CHANGE ITALIAN

SOCIETY BY PROPELLING IT TOWARD SOCIALISM. WHAT KIND OF SOCIALIST PARTY WOULD WE BE IF WE ACTED OTHERWISE?"

"IT IS NECESSARY TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR A POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS...TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, TWO MAIN CONDITIONS MUST BE FULFILLED: THE COMMUNISTS MUST CLARIFY THEIR INTERNATIONAL STAND...AND THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE LEFTIST FORCES MUST BE SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR PARTY."

"IN THE MEANTIME, THERE WILL BE INTERMEDIATE STAGES THAT SHOULD INVOLVE AGREEMENTS AND COMPROMISES WITH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. HOWEVER, THE BALANCE OF POWER MUST SHIFT IN FAVOR OF OUR PARTY IN THIS CONNECTION TOO; AND CHANGES MUST OCCUR IN THE POLITICAL APPROACH OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY."

"IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO ACHIEVE THESE CONDITIONS; BUT OUR ACTION MUST BE ALREADY DIRECTED TOWARD THAT GOAL."

2. CRITICISM OF PCI: "WHILE WE SOCIALISTS HAVE NO TIES OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, THE PCI MAINTAINS IDEOLOGICAL AND THEREFORE POLITICAL BONDS WITH THE COUNTRIES LINED UP UNDER SOVIET LEADERSHIP."

"FOR US THERE IS ONLY ONE MODEL WHICH IS VALID IN THE EAST AS WELL AS THE WEST...WITHOUT FREEDOM, THERE CAN BE NO SOCIALISM...FOR THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS, DIFFERENT MODELS CAN BE VALID, SUCH AS THOSE EMBODIED BY THE COMMUNIST REGIMES IN THE EAST. EVEN THOUGH THE PCI CRITICIZES SOME ASPECTS OF THESE REGIMES, IT DOES NOT CHALLENGE THEIR LEGITIMACY, AND ACTUALLY ASSERTS ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THEM."

3. ATTITUDE TOWARD GOVERNMENT CRISIS: SOCIALIST REASONS FOR NOT BRINGING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT NOW "...DO NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE (NATIONAL) ELECTIONS CAN BE PUT OFF UNTIL THE NORMAL DEADLINE OF THE SPRING OF 1977, PARTICULARLY IF CONFUSION CONTINUES TO PREVAIL IN THE DC CAMP, AND THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE CONTINUES SO WEAK..."

4. COMMENT: DEMARTINO'S FAILURE IN THE INTERVIEW TO REPEAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE NEED TO ASSOCIATE THE PCI WITH THE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY IN THE SHORT TERM, DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PSI HAS ABANDONED THIS CONDITION. (IT IS THE ONE POINT WHICH WOULD JAR MOST IN A PIECE DESIGNED TO PREPARE THE ATMOSPHERE FOR DEMARTINO'S VISIT TO THE US.) IMPLICIT IN THE CONDITIONS STATED FOR THE "ALTERNATIVE TO THE DC" IS THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF THE GRAND ALLIANCE WITH THE PCI. NEITHER DO INTERMEDIARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE DC EXCLUDE CONCURRENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PSI, DC

AND PCI, EVEN BEFORE THE PCI MEETS SOCIALIST CONDITIONS FOR
THE GRAND ALLIANCE OF THE LEFT.

5. SOCIALIST PARTY ORGAN AVANTI'S STORY OF INTERVIEW DOES
NOT HIGHLIGHT THE WESTERN COMMITMENT TO SAME EXTENT AS DOES THE
DAILY AMERICAN. (LEAD QUOTE REPORTED ABOVE IN SUMMARY NO-
WHERE APPEARS.) CAST OF INTERVIEW RESHAPED FOR DOMESTIC CON-
SUMPTION, AND EMPHASIS PUT ON SOCIALIST STRATEGY FOR TRAN-
SITION TO SOCIALISM. AVANTI'S REPORT GOES ON TO ADD LIST OF
SPECIFIC CURRENT SOCIALIST DEMANDS ON GOVERNMENT, NOWHERE FOUND
IN DAILY AMERICAN INTERVIEW. VOLPE

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